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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was irregular, but overall mostly steady. Demand was seasonally slow to moderate, best for holiday items and fast food, and orders usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies ranged closer balanced to at least sufficient for trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to long. In the parts structure, movement was seasonally light, and orders limited to most immediate needs. Wings were sufficient, dark meat was adequate, but instances closer balanced on boneless cuts. Breast items were available with boneless skinless cuts and tenders in the longest balances and slow to clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights. The Composite Weighted Average price for 11/12/07 was 71.53 compared to 70.76 a week earlier, and 65.99 a year ago.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to **77.75** cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 69.00 cents last year on November 15, 2006.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading:

	DOCK PRICE
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	5 168.50
BREASTS - B/S	137.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	113.00
LEG QUARTERS	42.50
WINGS	111.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady. Demand was seasonally light to fair, best for other holiday meat items, and usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies were usually sufficient to closer balanced as some plants altered schedules due to limited seasonal needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair at best for mid-week trading. Wings were mixed, but available, and dark meat was adequate to fully sufficient. Breast items were at least adequate with tenders and boneless skinless in the longest positions. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged seasonally light to fairly good, mostly light to fair as dealers looked to other traditional holiday items and were content to limit orders to regular commitments. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were readily available and slow to clear; other items were adequate to fully adequate for current needs.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offers limited on light trade call. Retail and food service movement slow to moderate at best. Eight-piece cut-up in delicatessens and some fast food promotions created best consumer traffic. Floor stocks were adequate to long; weights mostly desirable. Parts trade continued was hand to mouth and very light trade on breast cuts and drums; light to moderate demand on wings, thigh meat and leg meat. The market tone on wings, leg quarters and boneless dark meat was steady; drums and breast items were steady to weak.

<u>WESTERN REGION</u> The market tone was about steady. Offerings, although in closer balance, remain at least adequate for full trade needs. Buying activity was fair at best for current interest. Retailer demand was generally moderate. Floor stocks mixed but generally adequate. Trade sentiments on parts was generally steady to fully steady.

BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 10, 2007. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 5 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 10, 2007. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through November 10, 2007 were 7.92 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 11/10/07 2007 2006 PREVIOUS YEAR

EGGS SET 217,030 207,802 +04
CHICKS PLACED 167,822 160,423 +05

Source: NASS, USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 22-Dec-07 is estimated at 156.2 million head. This compares to 159.4 million head the previous week and to 153.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 66.39 cents per pound.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

	POUNDS			WTD
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>(000)</u>	RANGE	MAJORITY	<u>AVG</u>
BREAST - B/S	238	110.00-148.00		117.75
TENDERLOINS	136	100.00-140.00	112-122	114.12
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	475	37.00-42.00	38-40	38.91
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,035	39.00-45.00	41-43	42.68
WINGS (WHOLE)	193	100.00-114.00	-	109.02
WINGS (CUT)	199	115.00-123.00	-	119.85
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR OCTOBER 10, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE 5-DAY AVERAGE 45.50 – 48.50 46.91 46.97

The index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying interest was seasonally light as most dealers were content to limit orders to most immediate needs as they look to other more traditional holiday items. Offerings of breast items and tenders were fully adequate to readily available. Dark meats cuts and wings were at least adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady to week for breast items and tenders; no better than steady for the balance of items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

	CURRENT NEG	WTD		NOV 14	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>TRADING*</u>	<u>AVG</u>	VOL/LBS	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>TRADING*</u>	<u>AVG</u>	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	126.96	607,272	BREAST - B/S	125-130	123.02	576,560
TENDERLOINS	115-120	112.94	192,120	TENDERLOINS	110-115	112.28	132,330
BREAST - WITH RIBS	73-74	75.51	181,520	BREAST - WITH RIBS	72-73	76.19	95,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	72.19	77,400	BREAST - LINE RUN	72	71.35	86,400
LEGS	59-60	63.74	88,920	LEGS	59-60	60.13	121,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	41.51	221,520	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	42.17	152,782
DRUMSTICKS	52-53	60.71	64,888	DRUMSTICKS	52-53	62.57	37,720
THIGHS	50-51	57.80	74,200	THIGHS	50-51	57.60	68,560
B/S THIGHS	112-113	116.36	75,480	B/S THIGHS	112-113	113.22	44,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	110-111	109.53	174,677	WINGS (WHOLE)	110-111	114.52	111,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIF	PPED) 10-12	11.15	28,880	BACKS AND NECKS (STR	IPPED) 10-12	10.94	29,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.78	8,080	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.32	7,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	68.87	21,520	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	70.13	23,680

INCLUDES NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

AVG

	ESTIN	MATED	AC'	<u>TUAL</u>	AVG V	WTS	ACTUAL	WTS
	(1,000)		(1,000)	<u></u>			(1,000)	· <u> </u>
	11/14	11/13	11/12	11/09	11/12	11/09	11/07	11/05
Alabama	4,095	4,104	4,036	4,460	5.70	5.48	4,050	5.68
Arkansas	5,364	5,350	5,294	5,334	5.55	5.55	5,425	5.52
Delmarva	2,252	2,324	2,289	2,235	5.95	5.80	2,277	5.94
KY-LA-TN	2,423	2,243	2,386	2,421	5.30	5.12	2,407	5.27
Mississippi	2,858	2,805	2,613	3,053	5.90	5.61	2,986	5.78
North Carolina	2,944	2,576	2,835	3,281	7.28	6.97	2,824	7.11
Texas	2,510	2,506	2,582	2,586	5.43	5.26	2,540	5.50
Total	22,446	21,908	22,035	23,370	5.84	5.69	22,509	5.80
Mon-Wed	66,596	(A)					67,508 (۹)
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(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Nov-07 is estimated to be 33,582,000 head down 0.58 percent from a week ago and up 8.21 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,777,000, last year 31,035,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	94-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	67-78
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS PANCE

		KANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	126
	DRY PACK	110
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	140
	DRY PACK	108
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	109
	DRY PACK	105
DUCKS		199-204

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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 17-Nov-07						
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		11/	17/07 (1)		11/10/07	
Class			Tho	ousand head	d	
Broiler/frye	r				171,276	
Light hens			1,235		1,032	
Heavy hen	s		1,537		1,469	
Total	-		1,769		173,777	
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(1)ESTIMATED 2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 17-Nov-07 is 160.5 million head compared to 162.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 169.3 million head or 8.8 million more than estimated available. For the week of 24-Nov-07 the estimated available is 161.4 million head.						
WEEKLY	COLD ST	ORAGE H	OLDING	S -SELECTED	STGE CEN	ITERS
(INCL GOV	F STOCKS)	(IN THOU:	SANDS)			
· P	ROCESSÉ	D TURKE	ΞΥ	PROC	ESSED PC	ULTRY
		LBS	3			LBS
AM 11/12/0	07	63	3,023			83,214
AM 11/01/0	7		5,105			81,947
CHG			3,082			1,267
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Р	ROCESSE	ED TURKE	EYS	PROC	ESSED PC	ULTRY
11	/12/07 11	1/05/07 11	1/13/06	11/12/07	11/05/07	11/13/06
PACIFIC						
COAST LOS	3,772	4,178	2,068	10,964	12,033	11,348

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

178

ANGELES

158

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

.75

1.50

1.25

SILKIES ea.

CHUKARS ea.

GUINEA PIGS ea.

TOTAL COOPS 229

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS,U.S.GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5LBSAND UP, FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12, 2007

221

BOX) RANGE

1,343

1,414

FOR 11/13/07

2,955

HENS ICE PACKED(12 PER BOX) 73-81 VACUUM PACKED(6-9 PER BOX) 72-93

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY LOW HIGH AVG LOW HIGH AVG HEAVY FOWL lb. .40 .85 .65 HEAVY FOWL ea. - 3.25 LIGHT FOWL lb. - LIGHT FOWL ea. MIXED FOWL lb. - MIXED FOWL ea. BANTAMS lb. .50 .65 .56 BANTAMS ea. .50 2.75 .65 BROILERS lb. .95 .81 BROILERS ea. ROASTERS lb. - ROASTERS ea. FRYERS lb. FRYERS ea. - CHICKS ea. CHICKS lb. 1.00 PULLETS lb. - PULLETS ea. 1.50 7.50 BUNNIES lb. - BUNNIES ea. 1.50 4.00 ROOSTERS lb. .60 1.25 .97 ROOSTERS ea. .25 10.50 GEESE lb. GEESE ea. TURKEYS lb. - TURKEYS ea. 11.00 14.00 DUCKS lb. .50 2.85 1.01 DUCKS ea. 1.50 RABBITS lb. 2.20 1.82 RABBITS ea. .75 PIGEONS lb. - PIGEONS ea. 2.00 5.25 GUINEA FOWL lb. - GUINEA FOWL ea. DUCKLINGS lb. - DUCKLINGS ea. GUINEA KEETS ea. -- CALL DUCKS ea.

- GOSLINGS ea.

- TURKEY POULTS ea. -

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending November 9,2007

Who Chic			₋egs N ⁄Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	54.29	146.17	91.88	16.71	8.35	62.65
High	63.48	162.88	112.76		12.53	62.65
Mostly	58.47	150.35	100.23	20.88	8.35	62.65
SAN JUA	۸N					
Low	53.04	150.35	96.06	16.71	8.35	66.82
High	62.65	162.88	108.59	20.88	12.53	66.82
Mostly	56.38	158.70	96.06	20.88	8.35	66.82
NEW SA	N JUAN					
Low	58.47	154.53	100.23	20.88	8.35	68.91
High	65.15	162.88	112.76	25.06	12.53	68.91
Mostly	58.47	154.53	108.59	20.88	12.53	68.91
BECERR	:A					
Low	60.14	162.88	100.23	20.88	8.35	71.00
High	68.91	171.23	116.94	29.23	16.71	71.00
Mostly	60.56	167.06	108.59	25.06	12.53	71.00

<u>DELMARVA</u> Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally fair to fairly good and generally noted as better than expected. Offerings were at least sufficient for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 69 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders ranged fully adequate to available and were slow to clear. Wings and dark meat cuts were reported as at least adequate to fully adequate.

RANGE 64-85
WEIGHTED AVERAGE (A)
NO. OF BOXES (A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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